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Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed Genwal Coal Company's Response to Forest Service Comments Dated June 22, 1987, ACT 015/032. Our comments to the response are as follows:

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The Manti-LaSal National Forest will calculate the minimum instream flows for the point of diversion in Crandall Canyon. We will provide this information to Genwal Coal Company to be incorporated into the new submittal for the combined tracts.

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At the time of the original Forest Service comment, it was suspected that sensitive plant *Hedysarum occidentale* var. *canone* inhabited the permit area. This was based on the existence of a known population adjacent to the permit area. During a recent survey of the permit area by the Forest Service, no plants were found. Considering the results of this recent survey, we feel that Genwal's response is adequate. Threatened, endangered and sensitive plant clearances will, however, be required for proposals to disturb previously undisturbed areas.

As stated in Genwal Coal Company's response, the remaining comments must be addressed in the new submittal for the combined tracts.

Sincerely,

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